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S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur:—" May I ask whether it is not a fact that the Anantapur district received rainfall late this year?"

The Hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" It had ample rainfall; but I cannot exactly say when it received it."

S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur:—" Is the hon. Member aware of the fact that rainfall, when it is received late, means failure of crops?"

The Hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" I am thankful to the hon. Member for the information; but in this case, the outturn which was in fact obtained has been taken into consideration."

Collection of kists in certain villages in Udayarpalaiyam taluk during January 1934.

* 821 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the percentage of the kist demands falling due in the month of January that has been collected in the following villages of the Udayarpalaiyam taluk, Trichinopoly district—

(i) Pillaipalaiyam;
(ii) Ellayaperumanallur;
(iii) Kuruvalaparkoil;
(iv) Vangudi;
(v) Bethiarvettu;
(vi) Padanilai;
(vii) Eravangudi;

(*b*) whether the Revenue Divisional Officer of Ariyalur has imposed any fine on the village munsifs of the abovementioned villages within the last three months; and

(*c*) if so, the extent of the fines imposed and the reasons for the same?

A.—(*a*) to (*c*) The Government have no information.

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" May I know, Sir, if the Government have since received the information?"

The Hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" No, Sir."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" Will the Government be pleased to call for the information, Sir?"

The Hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" Yes, Sir."

Balance at credit of the irrigation cess fund in Salem.

* 822 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the amount is at credit in the irrigation cess fund in Salem district now; and

(*b*) what the nature is of expenditure incurred from this fund?

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A.—(*a*) The balance of the fund on 31st March 1933 in Salem was Rs. 10,279–9–7. The balance with which the fund is estimated to close on 1st April 1934 is Rs. 10,461–9–7.

(*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the article headed "Application of funds" under the Chapter "Irrigation Cess Fund" in the Special Funds Code.

Control of Books and Newspapers.

Proscription of Swami Rama Thirtha's works.

* 823 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether books of Swami Rama Thirtha are treated as proscribed books and seized by the Police;

(*b*) whether on 10th November 1933 such books which were with Mr. Budhiraju Surappa Raju were seized by the Police at Vizianagram on the ground that he was selling unauthorized news sheets and Mr. Surappa Raju sentenced to six months' imprisonment; and

(*c*) the names of the books referred to in clause (*b*) with the respective dates of their publication and when objection was taken for the first time to any of them?

A.—(*a*) No books of Swami Rama Thirtha appear to have been proscribed by this Government.

(*b*) & (*c*) Certain books were seized from Mr. Budhiraju Surappa Raju on 10th November 1933 by the Vizianagram Police and he has since been convicted under section 18 of the Indian Press (Emergency Powers) Act, 1931, in respect of them, but none of them were books of Swami Rama Thirtha.

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Medical Administration.

Employment of sisters not qualified as nurses to attend to maternity cases.

824 *Q.*—Rai Sahib C. Kolanda Reddi: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) in how many Government hospitals where sisters are working as nurses there are maternity wards;

(*b*) how many of the sisters in each hospital are qualified midwives in Government hospitals with maternity wards where sisters are employed as nurses;

(*c*) in how many such hospitals where the sisters are not qualified midwives are allowed to conduct labour cases, and why; and

(*d*) when such sisters not qualified as midwives are given charge of maternity wards, whether the qualified Indian midwives are made to work under such unqualified sisters; if so, why?